point on its not indulging in any unfair trade practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No discussions were held between the US and India on this issue on 26 February, 1992. However, on that date, the United States Trade Representative announced the decision to terminate the investigation against India under Section 301. The United States has also determined that no responsive action is appropriate at this time.

Government are satisfied that our laws relating to trademarks and copyright, together with some amendments proposed to the Copyright Act, are adequate. A decision has also been taken to improve market access for motion pictures and videos. As far as the issue'of patents is concerned, attention of the United States has been drawn to the fact that this is the subject of multilateral negotiations, which have yet to be concluded.

Import of Medical X-ray Films

*2905. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether import of Jumbo Rolls of Medical X-ray films for slitting and confectioning are allowed under OGL or through canalised agencies, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that medical X-ray films are on short supply resulting in price rise in the domestic market;

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter to eliminate short supply and curb rising prices; and

(d) whether Government propose to direct National Small Industrial Development Corporation (NSIC) to arrange Import of Jumbo Rolls under its IRMAC Scheme for urgent supply to SSI Units for slitting and confectioning and to control continuous increasing price if so, what are the details thereof?

*Previously UnStarred Question 2412, tranferred from the 12th March, 1992.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) In terms of export and import policy for 1990-93, as amended, import of Jumbo Rolls of Medical X-Ray film is allowed freely by all persons. In view of this NSIC may also import without any direction or restriction.

गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र की कम्पनी द्वारा चीनी का निर्यात किया जाना

2906. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**
डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री 10 मार्च, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1821 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इण्डियन शुगर एण्ड जनरल इण्डस्ट्री एक्सपोर्ट कारपोरेशन नामक गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र की एक कम्पनी को अब देश से चीनी के निर्यात किए जाने का कार्य सौंपा गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले चीनी उत्पादन वर्ष के दौरान चीनी उद्योग को चीनी के निर्यात के कारण भारी घाटे हुए हैं; और

(ग) यदि भाग (ख) का उत्तर "हां" है, तो प्रति टन कितना घाटा हुआ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद): (क) इंडियन शुगर एण्ड जनरल इंडस्ट्री एक्सपोर्ट इम्पोर्ट कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड को चीनी का निर्यात करने के लिए एक अभिकरण के रूप में अधिसूचित किया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है।

Misuse of Exim Scrips

2907, SHRI S, MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in Financial Express of the 28th January, 1992 captioned "Exim scrips based on false documents flood market";

(b) if so, what steps had been taken to prevent the misuse of Exim Scrips Scheme;

(c) whether Government have enquired into the quantum of amount claimed by producing false bank documents;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;